

Remarks

Status of application

Claims 1-24 were examined and stand rejected in view of prior art. Claim 23 stands objected to as being in improper dependent form. In this Amendment, Applicant has deleted Claim 23 so as to reduce the issues on appeal.

General

Pursuant to the telephone conversation with the Examiner on October 6, 2008, Applicant has deleted claim 23. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment After Appeal so as to reduce the issues on appeal.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 925 465 0361.

Respectfully submitted,

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